

The HUB

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Q. What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire?

A. Frostbite

Q. What's the best thing to give your parents for Christmas?

A. A list of everything you want!

Q. What do you get when you eat Christmas decorations?

A. Tinsilitis!

Q. What's red and white, red and white, red and white?

A. Santa Claus rolling down the hill.



**WISHING YOU A HAPPY CHRISTMAS & A SUPER NEW YEAR
FROM THE ROTARY CLUB OF RYDE**



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Rotary Club of Taipei, Taiwan

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ROTARY CLUB OF RYDE

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CLUB INFORMATION

Chartered 22nd April 1946 District 9685 RI Club #18039

MEETINGS EVERY TUESDAY 6PM FOR 6:30PM

MEETING LOCATION:

Next Generation Club (Level 2)
Ryde Aquatic Centre
504 Victoria Rd, Ryde

POSTAL ADDRESS:

Rotary Club of Ryde Inc.
PO BOX 90
Ryde NSW 1680

RSVP GUESTS OR ABSENCES TO JULIE THORP: 9871 1109

December 16th

Christmas Party!!



TONIGHT'S ROSTER

Welcomers

Ken Allen, Swati Maheshwari & David Johnston

Toast to Rotary
Interntational

Les Whitcroft & Ashley Peake

Chartered Dec. 16th 2010 : The Rotary Club of Packerland Sunrise, USA

Upcoming duty roster is on Page 11. If you are unable to fulfill any duty, please arrange your own swap and inform President Kalma of the change.

KALMA'S KORNER

Dear Rotarians and Friends of Rotary,

I can't believe the last 6 months has gone so fast! Tonight is event 51 for me since Changeover, and each event has been an absolute delight thanks to our enthusiastic members, our great variety of programs and the myriad unexpected opportunities made available to me.

Thank you to everyone involved in last week's important AGM event – we have so much talent in our club and it is great to see so many volunteers for these all important roles next year.

I wish you all a wonderful and safe Christmas, I hope that Santa is very good to you.

Kalma

A SNAPSHOT OF : THE ROTARY CLUB OF PACKERLAND SUNRISE



The Rotary Club of Packerland Sunrise chartered in 2010 to serve the northwestern suburbs of Green Bay, Wisconsin.

"We will actively engage our peers and those we serve with energy, enthusiasm and joy, bringing the spirited service of Rotary to our community and beyond."



Dec. 11th - 24th **Christmas Wrapping Fundraiser @ Top Ryde City**
 Make it a family occasion and bring your spouse/partner along to help!
 Contact David James ASAP to volunteer.

Jan. 13th (Tues) **Annual RYLA Dinner**
 6:45 for 7pm / \$45pp / Pittwater RSL / See John Brown if you are interested!

Jan. 13th (Tues) **Informal Meeting - Movie Night Fundraiser**
 7 for 7:30pm / \$30pp / 2 York St, Beecroft / Profits to Cure Cancer Australia

HAPPY CHRISTMAS : OPEN BAR!

Ryde Rotary welcomes you to enjoy your first round of drinks at our
 Christmas party this week on the house!

Thank you for a great year of hard work and good fellowship.

HUNTERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTATION DAY

Last week I attended on behalf of Ryde Rotary, the Hunters Hill High School Presentation Day. It was a very well organised morning, very inspiring to witness the achievements of so many students at the school and as one of the official party, had the pleasure of presenting the Year 11 Citizenship Awards. Many organisations were presenters, including members from Hunters Hill & Ryde Councils, Legacy, P & C Association and Hunters Hill Rotary.

We were entertained by the school concert band, choral choir and the high school's dancing group, all extremely good and after the ceremony we were invited to join students, parents and staff for refreshments. Overall a pretty impressive school!

PP Jan Cutler

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2015 : ACCOMMODATION

The District Conference next year in the Hunter Valley to be held at the Crowne Plaza Resort on 20-22nd March 2015. We will be staying in the hotel that the conference is being held at so we won't have to go far. The discounted rates that we are entitled to are:

Hotel room	\$260 Per night/ Accommodation Only
King spa suite	\$340 Per night/ Accommodation Only
2 Bedroom villa	\$405 Per night/ Accommodation Only
3 Bedroom villa	\$500 Per night/ Accommodation Only

A discounted breakfast rate of \$25 per person, per morning can also be added to these rates. If this is too expensive please let me know and I will try to find something less expensive but we probably won't be all together. I will do the best I can. If you are not going to the conference please let me know.

Please email Julie at j.thorp@bigpond.net.au asap if you wish her to book a room.

In May/June 2015 (Precise dates are not available at this time) Lane Cove Rotary International Committee will take part in an inspection of one of our major projects. The NTT Small Grants Project assists small farmers and rural schools in one of the poorest parts of Indonesia. Rotarians and interested members of the public are invited to accompany our committee members during the inspection.

The group will visit Bali, Kupang (West Timor), Maumere (Flores Island), and Dili (Timor Leste). After inspecting the Small Projects in many villages and hamlets, the group will travel further east by road and cross the border into Timor Leste and visit Dili for a few days where we will visit Dili Rotary club before flying to Darwin and Sydney.

The tour is also open to non-Rotarians and is a unique opportunity to observe the people and culture of the area as well as to see the work that Rotary does in the field.

If you would like more information on the trip or the project in general, please let me know. We are now gathering names of people who may be interested in taking part and at this time there is no obligation.

VIST VANCOUVER ON A ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE

Well, we can't make it for Christmas but you could be there next summer (June 2015) and hosted by friendly Rotarians and their families from USA and Canada and in return we will host them in our district during the Australian summer as part of the exchange.

We are currently seeking Expression of Interest from D9685 Rotarians for an RFE with District 5020. Please contact Shankar Sankaran (North Ryde, 0406 137 325, shankarandgita@gmail.com) or Graeme Davies (Kincumber, 0416 275 363, gradav@ozemamil.com.au) for more information and to register your interest by mid January 2015 for us to know the numbers and help you to book the tickets.

This exchange program gives Rotarians and their families the opportunity to experience other cultures first hand by participating in reciprocal visits with Rotarians from other countries. You would be responsible for travel costs and personal spending whilst your hosts are expected to provide housing, meals, and sight-seeing opportunities – the same courtesies that would be extended to a visiting friend. The approximate cost of a return airfare to Seattle via Vancouver is A\$1,850 but we have to book early to secure this rate.

WE'LL BE SAD IF WE DON'T SEE YOU NEXT TUESDAY!



If you need to give a late apology for non-attendance at any meeting, please contact **Julie Thorp as early as possible!**
(10am Monday at the absolute latest)

9871 1109 0416 208 332 j.thorp@bigpond.net.au

Club policy is that you will be expected to pay for your meal if you are absent without timely apology. **Isn't that fair to all concerned?**

Greetings from St Jude's!

We have come to the end of the school year here at St Jude's. During our final Christmas assembly and Parent's Day, our top students received awards for best performance in their subjects and general good behavior at school.

We are delighted to let you know that in Term 3, your sponsored student Kelvin received two awards, including General Studies and obtained the GPA of 4.7 (Distinction).

Thank you for your continued support.



AN APPEAL FOR A WORTHY CAUSE

I have donated some money to what I consider to be a very worthy cause: this young man needs a helping hand.

The Australian Army will accept him as a recruit if he gets his teeth fixed first. Jack was an Army Cadet with the Timor Barracks Army Cadet unit where he was in my son David's platoon, and he attended several of our ANZAC day parades at Tebbutt Lodge.

He has had some very bad luck in his life but is basically a nice kid who is trying to rise above his problems. He's had plenty: his alcoholic father used to beat him senseless, so he ran away from home, was made a ward of the state, was put through a series of temporary foster homes, never allowed to be adopted, and has very low self-esteem.

Jack was attacked getting off a train in the city one night, coward-punched and kicked in the face, breaking several teeth. His ambition is to drive tanks in the Army, but although he has passed every aptitude test, the ADF won't take him unless his teeth are repaired first. I got to know him through his friendship with my son, and think he has the potential to be a very good citizen if he gets a break, or to turn out very badly if he doesn't.

The difference between success and failure in life can all hinge on one thing: did someone give you a helping hand when you needed it to get your start in life? In my case it was my parents; Jack has no-one, except us.

This is my first foray into crowd funding and I am hoping will raise the funds he needs for 8 root canals and 8 crowns, that will then allow him to serve his country.

<http://gogetfunding.com/project/trying-to-join-the-australian-army-need-teeth-fixed>

Please take a look at this website and help out if you can.

PP Allen Horrell

President Kalma McLellan welcomed us all to this year's AGM, and passed around some surprise free advertising for our Tree of Joy at Eastwood! **David Johnston** proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Lochaber in Scotland, with the guessed pronunciation by most members quickly corrected by **Sergeant Patrick Longfield**.

Moving things along, the AGM was officially opened by **Secretary Steve Thorp**, and the presence of a quorum was confirmed by **PP Graham Metcalfe**. **David Johnston** seconded Steve's motion for last year's AGM minutes to be accepted.

Treasurer David James then presented the accounts. 2013-14 was a bit of a challenge, as there was a bit of catch up required on the 2012-13 accounts, and unfortunately Circus Quirkus fundraising is down and the Golf Day was less successful than it has been in the past.

Although the final number is -\$3069 in 2013, and +\$805 in 2014, this is due to Borjegai project allocations timing, not a reflection of a poor year. The budget will be revised early next year bearing in mind: reduced Circus Quirkus funds, likely no Golf Day, and the potential for more BBQs at local Bunningses. **PP Ken Allen** seconded David's motion to accept the accounts.

Secretary Steve Thorp then announced the opening of elections to board positions for 2015-16, with President-Elect up first. As two nominations were received, **District 9685 Assistant Governor PP Robert Erskine** from Gladesville Rotary was invited to hold an election for the position.

Robert Erskine and **PP Ken Allen** were nominated as scrutineers, and approved by a majority of the members present by a raising of hands. After a few suspenseful minutes, **Rtn Julie Thorp** was elected with 15 votes to 14 (two informal votes were cast), as Administration Director 2015-16 and President-Elect for 2016-17.

The other Board positions received one nomination each and so joining **President Elect Victoria Gouel & Administration Director Julie Thorp** on the 2015-16 Board are:

Secretary	Steve Thorp
Treasurer	Graham Metcalfe
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Sergeant Patrick had **AG Robert** draw the spackle, and Jan Cutler was delighted to walk away with a bottle of red. Kalma announced the 74th birthday for **John Higgins**, sent our warm wishes to **Patricia Foertsch** for her birthday, and congratulated **Martin & Angie Aston** on their 35th wedding anniversary, and **Bill & Val Payne** for 63 years of wedded bliss!

Digging into his last session of the year, **Sergeant Patrick** fined **Adrian Hallett** for photographing **Bill Payne and Charles Kilby** lounging in the shade after Graffiti Removal

last weekend (which was cancelled, so those gentlemen should have been given a gold star for showing up anyway to roll out graffiti - not a fine!).

Those who haven't paid their semi annual dues should prepare for a name and shame fine in the future, anniversaries were fined, including a wonderful sound when **Bill and Val** were instructed to "cough up". **Hendo** was fined for being more interested in bread roll etiquette than the start of the meeting. **Julie** was fined for being elected President-Elect, and the 2015-16 board were also required to cough up. **Burkhart** cross fined the sergeant for failing to fine the spackle winner, and Jan found herself promptly fined.

President-Elect Victoria attempted to fine the Hub Editor for texting during the meeting, and it was revealed I was actually undercover as Hub scribe this week.

PP Bill Payne cross fined the Sergeant for being a party pooper and explained to the assembled that as one matures in life, one finds himself lounging in the shade talking cars, sharing the tale of increased sales of Audis to America over the last few years, clearly due to the number of cowboys just trying to say "howdy" and ending up with a car. The Sergeant was so blown over by this tale, he forgot to ask for bits and pieces.

President Kalma reminded everyone to make sure their costumes are ready for next week - bring your leis, Hawaiian shirts, grass skirts and coconut bras.

Julie Thorp will send around via email the 2015 District Conference accommodation bookings for information and options at the Crowne Plaza in the Hunter Valley.

David James confused the crowd with a brief game of hands up hands down followed by a name and shame of those who haven't signed up to help at Christmas Wrapping. He then suggested we sign up our partners, wives and husbands to volunteer as wrappers (as opposed to Rotarian supervisors), but to make sure we remember to inform them of their commitment! **Stefan Sojka** raised the unfortunate fact that he will be unable to rap about Rotary and Christmas Wrapping as there isn't much that rhymes with Spec Savers. The crowd groaned, and Stefan earned himself the first fine of 2015.

Sergeant Patrick reminded the meeting that next week, those who have kids attending are to bring only **one gift per child**, and deliver to incognito Santa outside the meeting on their way in on the night.

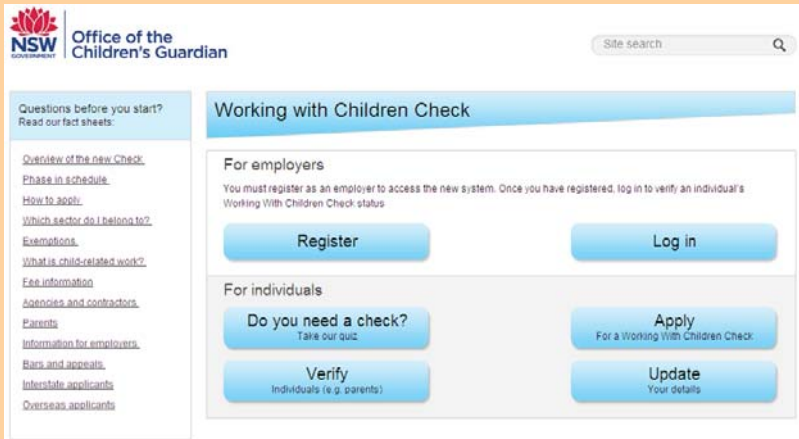
Kalma thanked **AG Robert** for helping out and Steve for running a succinct AGM, then we sang the anthem and finished our tea and coffee with good fellowship.

Honor bespeaks worth. Confidence begets trust.
Service brings satisfaction.
Cooperation proves the quality of leadership.

- James Cash Penney

You need a Working With Children Check! There are 4 steps to the process:

1. Register online at www.check.kids.nsw.gov.au



At the bottom under “**For Individuals**”, click “**Apply**”

Complete all fields including selecting “**Purpose for check**” of “**Clubs or Other bodies...**” as below:

Purpose for check *

- Paid employee
- Self employed
- Volunteer, authorised carer, adult household member, student on a professional placement, prospective adoptive parent

Child-related sector *

Clubs or other bodies providing services to children

You will be emailed a confirmation of your application which looks like this:

Working With Children Check - Application Receipt

Your application for a Working With Children Check has been successfully lodged. Your Application Number is: **APP0054164**. To complete your application you must attend a NSW Motor Registry or Government Access Centre (locations listed on the NSW Working With Children Check website) by **14/01/2014** to

2. Take this notice to your local RTA centre together with the identification form you nominated - Drivers Licence / ID card. Staff at the RTA will confirm you are the person in the notice.
3. A few hours later you will be emailed a confirmation letter that your application has been processed, which includes a **WWC number** on letterhead like this:



4. Forward this email to Kalma so she can register you as a volunteer at Ryde Rotary. **Please talk to Kalma if you have any questions!**



Rotary Carols on the Common

Rotary
Clubs of Macquarie Park
and North Ryde



Sunday 21 Dec from 5.30pm
North Ryde Common, Cnr Wicks & Twin Roads

Carols Singing
Fireworks
Well Known Performers
Family Entertainment



Master of Ceremonies
Stephen Sim



Music Director & Chairperson
Roseanna Gallo OAM



John Smolders



Nata Forte



Cheryn Vlazny



Eleanor Taig



Stefan Sojka



Davin Griffiths-Jones
School of Performing Arts



Isabella Laguzza



O & J Fun Dance Show



Rock'n Soul Choir



Singing Stars & Santa Claus



Backing by
Leichhardt Celebrity Brass

Introducing
Macquarie
Dance School

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Percentage Attendance 9th December: 89.74%

Makeups: PDG John Dodd, PP Allen Horrell, PP Geoffrey Brennan, PP Rob Mitchell.

Apologies: PDG Les Whitcroft, PDG John Dodd, PP Allen Horrell, PP Charles Kilby, PP Geoffrey Brennan, PP Martin Aston, PP Rob Mitchell, PP Ross Rocca, PP Tony Abboud, Rtn Surinder Joson, Rtn Pat Mahony, Rtn Geoff Nix.

LOOKING AHEAD

January 13th **First (Informal) Meeting of 2015 - PARTNERS & KIDS WELCOME**
Movie Night @ John & Janelle's : 2 York St, Beecroft
Fundraiser: Pat & Kathryn's UltraMarathon for Cure Cancer Australia

January 20th **TBC**

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

December 17th 37th Wedding Anniversary for **Julie & Steve Thorp**

December 21st 38 Year Club Anniversary for **Peter Cooper**

December 22nd 58th Birthday for **Tony Abboud**

December 23rd 84th Birthday for **Noel Dunn**

December 27th 96th Birthday for **George Bouckley**

January 2nd 14 Year Club Anniversary for **Charles Kilby**

January 4th Birthday Celebration for **Angie (Martin Aston)**

January 14th 26th Wedding Anniversary for **Allen & Bernadette Horrell**

January 17th 27th Wedding Anniversary for **Charles & Victoria Kilby**

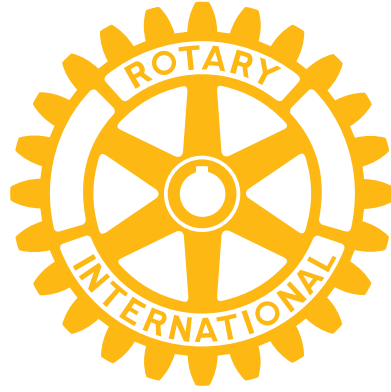
January 18th Birthday Celebration for **Victoria (Charles Kilby)**

CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

If you are unable to fulfill this duty, please arrange your own swap and inform President Kalma of the change.

DATE	WELCOMERS	TOAST	INTRO	THANKS
20.01	Geoff Brennan & Peter Cooper	Duncan Taylor	David Johnston	John Brown
27.01	Nora Etmekdjian & Bill Payne	Elisabeth Curcic-Daher	Noel Dunn	Charles Kilby

Rotary



THE ROTARY VISION

Rotary is a worldwide organisation of more than 1.2 million business, professional, and community leaders. Members of Rotary Clubs, known as Rotarians, provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

There are over 34,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Clubs are non-political, non-religious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds. As signified by the motto "Service above Self", Rotary's main objective is service - in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world.

ROTARY THANKS

For good food,
For good fellowship, and the
opportunity to serve through Rotary,
We give thanks.

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

of the things we say, think & do

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill & better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR

Australians all let us rejoice, for we are young and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts,
of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage, Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing, Advance Australia Fair!
